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he 2002 season saw the Ohio Valley Region lead the nation in both adult and junior membership. Those increases necessitated the largest Regional Championships ever held by the OVR. Volleyball, at least in the OVR, is quickly becoming the game of

choice! I want to congratulate many of our teams on their successes while participating at the National Championship level.

I want to alert all club directors and coaches to the guidelines you must follow when contacting players about the upcoming junior season. Please *read carefully* the policies and procedures adopted by the OVR about how and when these players can be contacted! We encourage all directors and coaches to be respectful of these athletes and their high school programs. Violations of these guidelines will result in serious penalties. I request that individuals who are aware of violations to please report them to my office ASAP!

I ask that all parents and players research clubs' policies and procedures before tryouts. Be sure the philosophy of the club matches your needs and interests. Once you sign a contract you have made a legal and binding commitment. Parents, be advised: a club director *must* allow 10 days after the tryout date before requiring a signed contract. The Ohio Valley Region does not get involved with the internal structure, policies, or fees of any club.

Special notice: The "season" is defined from November 1 through October 31. A player will represent *only one* club during this period. There is no such thing as a "winter", "spring", or "summer" season! Transfer/release from a club is not an option!

The OVR works very hard to communicate its policies and procedures to all of its members. Parents and players must be made aware of those directors and coaches who attempt to circumvent the rules. Legislating ethics is very difficult; please report any incidents that you feel are questionable!

Check out the award-winning website (Viggo O. Nelson Media Award, USA Volleyball) website! It is *USA's best*!

Play hard and play often!

Respectfully, Bob Price Commissioner & President Ohio Valley Region, Inc. USA Volleyball

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